

Proclamation 4950 of June 30, 1982

National NCO/Petty Officer Week, 1982

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Time has not altered the basic duties and responsibilities of the majority of our Armed Forces personnel since the very foundation of our country was laid in 1776. For more than two hundred years, the American men and women who have so proudly served—and are currently serving—as Non-commissioned Officers and Petty Officers have been regarded as the backbone of the Armed Forces of the United States.

We all should recognize the great sacrifices and significant contributions made to the Nation by our fellow citizens whose traditional role of service to the Nation as soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guardsmen is older than the Nation itself. Their spirit and devotion to duty is evident in the long list of recipients of the Medal of Honor and other decorations of personal valor. They are the heart of our Armed Forces which sustain our freedom and way of life. The duties they perform in accomplishing their mission are a necessary and permanent part of this country's defense mechanism. Upon their shoulders lies the defense of our Nation.

Ante, p. 140.

By House Joint Resolution 518, the Congress has designated the week commencing with the fourth Monday in June 1982, as "National NCO/Petty Officer Week."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week commencing with the fourth Monday in June 1982 as "National NCO/Petty Officer Week." I call on all Americans, State and local officials and private organizations to join in honoring Noncommissioned Officers and Petty Officers who serve and have served our Nation's defense objectives and to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 4951 of June 30, 1982

National Children's Day, 1982

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

As the inventors, artists, teachers, farmers, businessmen and women, decision-makers, and leaders of tomorrow, children are our most important resource.

But children need parental love and guidance to reach their fullest potential, and they function most successfully when parents define values, set goals, and provide stability for them.

RONALD REAGAN

As parents fulfill their responsibility to love, encourage, and guide their children, youngsters have the opportunity to develop the self-esteem and competence that equip them to make sound decisions when they become adults.

National Children's Day provides a time for us to recognize the value, vitality, and potential of our young people. It is a day to recommit ourselves to nurturing our youth and to helping them achieve a healthy and happy future. We must strive to encourage our children to take advantage of opportunities for positive educational experiences and training, for the manner in which our children grow and learn will dramatically affect how our Nation is able to meet its future challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States, in accordance with House Joint Resolution 191 (Public Law 97-29), do hereby proclaim August 8, 1982, as National Children's Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate activities in their homes and communities.

95 Stat. 149.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 4952 of July 6, 1982

P.O.W.-M.I.A. Flag

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

Friday, July 9, 1982 has been designated as "National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day, 1982." It is a fitting mark of recognition of the uncommon sacrifices of all former American prisoners of war, those still missing, and their families, that a P.O.W.-M.I.A. flag fly over the White House and the Pentagon.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution as President and Commander in Chief of the armed forces, do hereby proclaim that a P.O.W.-M.I.A. flag shall be flown, subordinate to the National Colors, over the White House and the Pentagon on National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day, Friday, July 9, 1982.

USC prec. title 1.

I invite other government officials and individuals to join in this special mark of recognition and to participate in appropriate observances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN